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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-201(a)(1); Section 7-51-201(b)(1); Section 7-51-201(c)(1) and Section 7-51-205, relative to certain disabilities presumed to have been suffered in course of employment by law enforcement officers and firefighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-201(a)(1), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

Such presumption may be overcome by competent evidence that the law enforcement officer following a diagnosis of hypertension or heart disease by a physician continues to smoke tobacco or fails to comply with medical advice or directives relative to loss of weight, physical activity and other lifestyle changes which are generally recognized as contributing factors to sustaining hypertension or heart disease.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 7-51-201(b)(1), 7-51-201(c)(1), and 7-51-205 are amended by adding the following language at the end of each subdivision or section as appropriate:

Such presumption may be overcome by competent evidence that the firefighter following a diagnosis of disease of the lungs, hypertension or heart disease by a physician continues to smoke tobacco or fails to comply with medical advice or directives relative to loss of weight, physical activity and other lifestyle changes which are generally recognized as contributing factors to sustaining disease of the lungs, hypertension or heart disease.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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